

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Hook holder (1) for a hook (4), ~~especially a fish hook~~, having a shank (5) and one or more curved end portions (6) extending from the shank, said hook holder including a container part (2) provided with a cavity (7) for accommodating the curved end portions of the hook, and a container opening (8) through which the curved end portions of the hook are insertable into the cavity, the hook holder further including retaining means to prevent the hook's curved end portions from unintentionally leaving the container part, **characterised in that** the retaining means include a cover part (3) provided with a cover opening (9) and mounted on the container part (2) so as to be movable between a first position, in which the container opening (8) is accessible through the cover opening (9) to allow insertion of the curved end portions (6) of the hook, and a second position, in which the container opening (8) is closed by the cover part (3) to allow the hook shank (5) to project out of the hook holder through the container opening and the cover opening, and the curved end portions of the hook are prevented from leaving the container part.

Claim 2 (original): Hook holder according to claim 1, **characterised in that** the container part (2) and the cover part (3) are cylindrical with a common central axis.

Claim 3 (original): Hook holder according to claim 2, **characterised in that** the container opening (8) and the cover opening (9) are both Y-shaped and provided with three slots (10, 11) of substantially the same length and extending radially outwards at an interspacing of about 120°.

Claim 4 (original): Hook holder according to claim 2, **characterised in that** the container opening (8) and the cover opening (9) each is provided with an elongate slot extending diametrically through the central axis.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~claim 3 or 4~~ claim 3, **characterised in that** it includes a pin being securable in the centre of the container opening

(8) and the cover opening (9), respectively.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterised in that** the cavity (7) is formed as a recess extending perpendicularly into the container part and having a cross section corresponding substantially to the shape of the container opening (8).

Claim 7 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterised in that** it is made of a material or includes closed cavities allowing it and an artificial bait with a fish hook to float in water.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~one of the claims 2-7~~ claim 2, **characterised in that** on its cylindrical wall (4) the container part (2) includes outwardly extending projections (12) and the cover part (3) includes inwardly extending projections (13) at the lower end of the cylindrical wall (15), said latter projections being made to engage the lower face of the projections (14) of the container, when the cover part is moved from the first position to the second position.

Claim 9 (original): Hook holder according to claim 2, **characterised in that** the container part (2) or the cover part (3) is provided with longitudinal ribs (35) extending parallel to the longitudinal central axis.

Claim 10 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, **characterised in that** it includes several container parts (2) and associated cover parts (3), and that the container parts (2) or the cover parts (3) are firmly interconnected.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~one of the claims 1-9~~ claim 2, **characterised in that** it includes a mounting device (19) having a hook holder fastening means (23) and a fishing rod fastening means (21) so that the hook holder may be secured to a fishing rod (22).

Claim 12 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~claim 11 or either claim 2 or 9~~ claim 11, **characterised in that** the fastening means (21, 23) of the mounting device (19) are formed as substantially C-shaped flexible clamping means.

Claim 13 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~claims 9 and 12~~ claim 12, **characterised in that** the hook holder fastening means (23) includes inner longitudinal grooves adapted to engage the longitudinal ribs (35) provided on the condition part (2) or the cover part (3) and extending parallel to the longitudinal central axis.

Claim 14 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~claim 2 or 9~~ claim 2, **characterised in that** it includes a peripherally extending groove (24) in the container part (2) or in the cover part (3).

Claim 15 (original): Hook holder according to claim 9, **characterised in that** it includes a storage unit (27) provided with circular openings (28) having longitudinal grooves adapted to engage the longitudinal ribs (35).

Claim 16 (currently amended): Hook holder according to ~~claims 14 and 15~~ claim 15, **characterised in that** each the openings (28) of the storage unit (27) includes a circular edge ~~portions~~ portion (29) adapted to engage ~~the~~ a peripherally extending groove (24) in the container part (2) or in the cover part (3).

Claim 17 (currently amended): Hook holder ~~set~~ according to ~~claim 15 or 16~~ claim 15, wherein a plurality of hook holders (1) are retained in the circular openings (28) of the storage unit (27).

Claim 18 (new): Hook holder according to claim 1 wherein the hook (4) is a fish hook.